

BS030555

U.S. Application No. 10/759,996 Examiner King Art Unit 3632
Response to July 14, 2005 Office Action

REMARKS

In response to the Office Action dated July 14, 2005, the Assignee respectfully requests reconsideration based on the above claim amendments and the following remarks. The Assignee respectfully submits that the pending claims are in a condition for allowance.

Rejection of Claims under 35 U.S.C. § 103 (a)

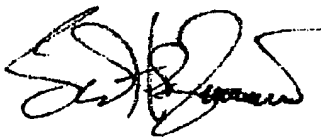
Claims 17, 19, and 20 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103 (a) as being obvious. Claims 17 and 20, however, have been canceled, and claim 19 has been amended to now depend from allowable claim 18. The rejection is thus moot.

Allowable Claims

Examiner King indicates that claims 1-12 and 14-16 are allowed. Claim 18, additionally, is indicated as allowable if rewritten to incorporate all the features of base claim 17. Please note that claim 19 has been amended to also depend from allowable claim 18. The Assignee thus respectfully submits that claims 1-12, 14-16, and 18-19 are in a condition for allowance.

If any issues remain outstanding, the Office is requested to contact the undersigned at (919) 387-6907 or scott@scottzimmerman.com.

Respectfully submitted,



Scott P. Zimmerman
Attorney for the Assignee
Reg. No. 41,390